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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISCHARGE
OF WASTES (HUMAN AND OTHER) FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES

1. THE FDA CURRENTLY HAS REGULATIONS (21 CFR 1250.51) THAT
REQUIRE RETROFIT COMPLIANCE FOR NON-PASSENGER RAILROAD

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CONVEYANCES BY DECEMBER 31, 1977. FOR NEW RAILROAD CON-
VEYANCES OR RAILROAD CONVEYANCES PLACED INTO SERVICE AFTER
1972, THESE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF HUMAN
WASTES, GARBAGE, WASTE WATER OR OTHER POLLUTING MATERIALS
FROM THEM. FOR RETROFIT OF PASSENGER RAIL CONVEYANCES,
EXTENSIONS BEYOND DECEMBER 31, 1977 WERE PROVIDED WHERE
COMPANIES COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT SUBSTANTIAL DISRUPTION

OF OPERATIONS MIGHT OCCUR.

SECTION 105 OF THE RAIL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT (45 U.S.C. 546 (1)) EXEMPTS "INTERCITY" RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE FROM CURRENT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES. SECTION 301 OF THIS ACT (45 U.S.C. 641) COMMITS THE SECRETARY OF HEW TO A STUDY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES. RESULTS OF THE

STUDY IS TO BE REPORTED TO THE CONGRESS BY APRIL 19, 1978.

2. THE ACT ALSO REQUIRES HEW TO ASCERTAIN WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING WASTE DISCHARGE. FDA WOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AS BEING HELPFUL IN THIS STUDY:

- A. WHAT REGULATIONS EXIST NOW TO CONTROL THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES.
- B. IF REGULATIONS ARE NOT NOW EXTANT, IS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE IN THE FUTURE.
- C. HAS THERE BEEN A PUBLIC HEALTH OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM AS A RESULT OF THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES FROM SUCH CONVEYANCES INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN DETAILED REPLIES TO UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREGOING QUESTIONS WITHIN TIME FRAME OF 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF REQUEST.
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